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SUBJ: DJIBOUTI AID AND AGRICULTURE

1. POST LEARNED THIS WEEK THAT AGRICULTURAL PROJECT HAS RUN INTO SERIOUS SNAG IN WASHINGTON REVIEW COMMITTEE. WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN INFORMED WHAT THE PROBLEMS ARE. DOUBTLESS, THERE ARE MANY GOOD REASONS TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT SETTING UP AGRICULTURAL PROJECT IN DESERTIC DJIBOUTI. NEVERTHELESS, WE DO NOT WISH TO LOSE MOMENTUM OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT EFFORT BECAUSE OF FEAR THAT WE WILL NOT BE READY IN FALL TO DO SOMETHING. THE SEVERE SEASONS IN DJIBOUTI DO NOT PERMIT MUCH ALIPPAGE. IF WE ARE NOT READY IN THE FALL, WE COULD LOSE A WHOLE YEAR. CHARGE BELIEVES THAT THIS PROJECT IMPORTANT IF NOT CRITICAL IMPORTANCE FORMAINTENANCE CURRENT LEVEL OF COOPERATION AND HELPFULNESS OF DJIBOUTI GOVERNMENT. PLEASE INSIST THAT AID TRANSMIT TO US THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT AGRICULTURAL PID AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. ACTING AID AFFAIRS OFFICER KARL MAHLER, ON 90 DAY TDY, IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE O/A 5 MARCH. I HAVE ASKED THAT HIS ASSIGNMENT BE MADE PERMANENT. HE HAS DONE A GREAT JOB OF GETTING OUR MODEST PROGRAM ESTABLISHED, AND I BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE A SERIOUS ERROR NOW TO TURN IT OVER TO SOMEONE ELSE, WHO MIGHT NOT BE SO WELL ADAPTED AND MOTIVATED FOR DIFFICULT DJIBOUTI.
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PLEASE HAVE HIS ASSIGNMENT TO DJIBOUTI FIRMED UP.
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